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FARMER TUCKER'S GIRLS

"Humph! Marrying for love is all nonsense," declared the eldest Miss Tuckes, severely, as she threw aside the novel she had been reading, and stretched her feet closer to the warm fire-place. "I intend to marry for money."

"Why, Neva?"

The eldest Miss Tucker was christened Geneva.

"How can you say so?" cried her younger sister, opening a pair of big, blue eyes, mystic and tender, with thickly curling golden lashes. "I think it would be the nicest thing in the world to fall in love with a handsome young man, with eyes as black as coals, and live in a pretty cottage, all covered with vines."

"Stuff!" interrupted Neva, snappishly, curling her red, but rather shrewdish lips, in a scornful manner. "Love is all bosh! I wouldn't care if I never saw a cottage, or a vine! To be mistress of a brown stone house in the city, with frescoed walls and Turkey carpets, and a boudoir paneled in blue velvet, is my ambition, and I'll accomplish it, too! With servants in livery and a superb dining room, handsome furnished—a marble top sideboard filled with plate and painted china, cut-glass decanters and goblets, and pickle stands—if I could have all that, I wouldn't care a snap for such nonsense as romance and love."

The entrance of Tom, the hired man, bringing a fresh back-log for the fire, interrupted them. He stirred down the embers till they glowed like a bed of melted rubies, threw on a hugh, spice scented log, fringed with scarlet lichens and gray moss, and turned to leave the room, a handsome, manly-looking fellow, in spite of his homely suit of butternut jeans.

"Tom!"

Miss Geneva snapped out the word as if disdaining herself for speaking at all, and determined to cut it as short as possible.

"Bring a bucket and take these ashes up!" she commanded, haughtily. "And stamp the snow off your feet before you come into the sitting-room again."

"Oh, Neva! You've hurt his feelings; how could you!" cried Honora, her blue eyes flashing and her cheeks glowing indignantly.

"Feelings!" sneered Geneva. "The idea of a hired man having feelings! That's one of your odd notions, Nora. Besides, if he don't know his place better than that, I'll teach it to him, that's all."

Tom reappeared with a bucket and shovel and proceeded to take up the ashes, while Miss Tucker cast a withering glance at him as much as if she were a detective and he a hardened criminal in the act of committing burglary.

"Well, well," muttered Aunt Betsy Tucker to herself, as she turned the heel of the blue yarn sock she was knitting. "Who'd a thought, after two years at boarding school Genevy would hev come home with sich notions as that? Shucks! I'd rather be an old maid forty times over, than marry a man fur his money, like she talks of doing. I don't believe in no sich? It's nothin' but riches an' fine clothes from mornin' till night with her. Her head's plump full of it. But Honory, bless her; nothin' could spile her. She's got a heart as soft as a robin red-breast, and while Genevy is a naggin' and a scoldin' at Tom from mornin' till night, Honora more'n makes up fur it by her sweet words an' smilin' looks. An' that makes me think. What was it she said about coal-black eyes? Tom's eyes are blacker'n any coal I see, an' the way he looks at Nora out of 'em is enough to turn any girl's head. Wal, she might do wuss than to marry Tom Alderberry, though she is as pretty as a pink an' good as any angel that ever lived!"

And Honora Tucker was a very pretty girl; with eyes like summer gentians and cheeks as pink as the velvety petals of a Michigan rose.

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The air was keen and crisp, but clear, and gleaming ice crystals hung from every tree and shrub, sparkling like diamonds.

"Nora! Nora!" called he sister "see what an elegant carriage with silver-mounted harness and a servant in livery. Oh, my!"

"And a span of matched horses!" cried Nora, enthusiastically, as she peeped from the dimity-curtained window.

"Where can they be going?" cried Neva, devoured with curiosity.

"Girls! Genevo! Yer pa wants you an' Honory in the best room," called Aunt Betsy, mysteriously from the lower hall. "Quick, too!"

"It's someone to see us," cried Geneva, and springing to the looking-glass she quickly smoothed her rather neglected tresses.

"My! how tousled my hair is!" cried Nora, peeping over her sister's shoulder at the shining coils of red-gold hair wound around her head, and curling in like tendrils over a brow low and smooth. "But I haven't time to fix it now. Hurry up, Neva! Maybe it is our fairy godmother in a pumpkin coach, like Cinderella's, with six field mice for footmen."

"Stuff!" cried her sister, crabbedly; "don't be a goose, Nora!"

Farmer Tucker, with cord uroy overalls tucked into the legs of cowhide boots, stood in the best room talking with a tall, elegantly dressed gentleman. Miss Geneva paused a moment to bestow a withering glance on Tom, who stood by the door in the hall.

"What are you loitering here for?" she demanded tartly. "Eavesdropping, I suppose! Go about your work, or I shall inform on you immediately."

Tom made no reply, but his face lighted up as he caught a look from Nora's blue eyes, and a low-breathed "Never mind, Tom," from her red lips.

"Here they be," cried Farmer Tucker, with a glow on his honest face, as the girls entered the room. "There is my gals, Judge Alderberry."

Alderberry."

The sisters stared. Could this elegant gentleman in the finest of broadcloth, with diamond studs sparkling in his bosom, be any relation to Tom?

They were soon enlightened.

"Gals, this is Tom's father," explained the old farmer; "an' he's jest found out whar his son is. Got mad and driv him off because he wouldn't marry a—a—"

"An heiress," smiled the judge.

"Yes, whoever he pleases," repeated the judge; "and if he prefers to live in the country he shall have the best farm in the State, and the finest house money can build; for Tom's my only child, and all I have is his."

"But you must stay to dinner with us, Judge Alderberry," insisted Miss Geneva, hospitably, as soon as she recovered her scattered senses; "you and Mr.—Mr. Tom, too."

And she hastened to congratulate the once despised "hired hand."

But Nora, blushing like an October peach, slipped away to the vacant sitting room to quiet the sudden beating of her heart.

Tom going away! Tom, with his handsome coal-black eyes?

"Nora," whispered a tender voice. "Nora," darling, will you love me and be my little wife?"

And there was Tom with her hands in his and her head drawn close upon his breast.

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"Sarves Nevy jest right," soliloquized Aunt Betsy, as she dished a jar of ruby-hued quinces into the old-fashioned china preserve dish. "Sarves her jest right. Mebbe she'll larn a a lesson arter this. But I don't know; 'pears like some folks is as hard to larn sense as one o' them antymires that pesters us so in the summer time, a-gittin' inter the vittles an' things."

And it is presumable Miss Geneva never did "larn sense," as she is still on the unmarried list.

A Busy Woman.

One day during that period in the feud history of the mountians of West Virginia, when for several years the blood of the mountaineers circulated over the face of the earth I was taking dinner at the house of one of the families that was in the thick of the muss and had lost a number of men folk.

However, it was not according to the best form of mountain society to mention those things, and I talked about something else. A woman in a black alpaca gown was the presiding genius of the table, and I did my talking to her. That she had lost two husbands I was sure, but I had understood she had married a third and had hopes of keeping him.

"Don't you find it rather lonesome out here at times?" I inquired, for it really was a house in the midst of everlasting solitude as far as neighbors were concerned.

"Not fer the last few ye'rs," she replied. "Hit's been a heap sight livelier than I like fer every-day doin's. Hit might do fer Crismus or Fourth uv July, but hit aint whut a quiet-natured body hankers fer reg'ler, seven days in the week."

"I presume," I said at a venture, "that your husband is some company?"

"Not much ez he was," she answered, dubiously.

"No?" I said. "Why not?"

"Mostly case he's dead," she said, with a smile, as if the late lamented were better off, and that she also might be.

I was just a little disconcerted by this unexpected revelation of her domestic deprivation, but hastened to set myself straight.

"Well," I said, consolingly, "you must do the best you can under the circumstances and keep your mind engaged as much as possible."

It was lame, of course, but a man can't always be his best.

"I reckon so," she responded, cheerfully enough, "but I don't worry. What with buryin' husbands and makin black dresses 'tween times I'm so busy I couldn's go to see neighbors ef they wuz thicker'n blackbirds. Won't you have some more uv the greens?"

"I don't care if I do, thank you," said I handing up my plate.—Washington Star.

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich. tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." The supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold at Vaughan's Pharmacy.

Quizzer—What do you understand by wasting one's substance in rioteous living?

Guyer—Buying cuffs that you can't reverse, I suppose?

WASHINGTON LETTER

From our Special Correspondent.

Considering that they controlledonly one branch of the fifty-fifth Congress, the Republicans have every reason to be proud of the record left by that Congress, whichhas been in several respects one of the most remarkable in our history, and which has played an important part in the world's history. It did not meet all the expectations of the country—no Congress ever did, and probably none ever will—but it did much that was good and left undone many things it was urged to do that would have been bad and unwise. It was wise enough, for instance, to leave the President a free hand to deal with the Philippines while we are finding out what will be the best thing to do for them. President McKinley fully appreciates the extent of the responsibility thus placed upon him, as well as the great compliment implied by this confidence in him, and will, in accordance with his usual custom, move cautiously in all that he does. His administration has been remarkably free from mistakes in matters of importance and it requires no gift of prophecy to say that his official acts will justify the confidence reposed in him by Congress and by the people.

The appropriations made by the Congress just closed were large in the aggregate, but if any man can point out any particular appropriation that was not needed, he has not yet done so. A large proportion of the total was for the war, and to meet expenses consequent thereon. For several years the condition of the Treasury, owing to four years of Democratic hard times, made it necessary to skimp the appropriations for public buildings, many of which were badly needed; these have been provided for as well as important River and Harbor improvements. The Republican party has always believed in liberality in these two classes of expenditures, when the condition of the Treasury would justify it.

President McKinley is inclined to favor the adoption of the suggestion made a few days ago, by Gen. Gomez, that U. S. troops to be kept in Cuba until such time as it may be considered advisable by this government, to turn the island over to the Cubans, shall be largely recruited from the ranks of the Cuban army. The new Army Bill gives the President discretion in the matter of recruiting from the natives of any of the islands occupied by us, and, unless something occurs to make such a step inadvisable, it is extremely likely that many Cubans will soon be wearing Uncle Sam's uniform. To enlist a few thousand Cubans in our army will be killing two birds with one stone; it will reduce the number of Americans who will have to be kept on the island during the sickly season, and it will give employment to many who might become troublesome if unemployed.

Representative Bailey, after being deposed by their refusal to follow his lead in support of a motion to take up the resolution declaring the seats of Gen. Wheeler and the other three members of the House, who went into the army, forfeited, reported from the House Judiciary Committee, which was overwhelmingly voted down, had the nerve to get up and announce that he would no longer be the democratic leader in the House, because those of them who did not vote with him did not love the Constitution as much as he did, or words to that effect.

Although the question had already been decided in the negative by President McKinley and his advisers, making legislation upon it unnecessary, the Foraker amendment to the Army Bill, declaring that no property franchises in Cuba shall be granted by this government during its military occupancy, is warmly welcomed by the officials, because it will put a stop to applications for such franchises.

The Nicaragua Canal amendment to the River and Harbor Bill, as finally agreeded upon, authorizes the President to appoint a Commission of Engineers to investigate the Nicaragua and Panama Canal routes, and report to him in time for him to report to the next Congress, and appropriates $1,000,000, to pay expenses.

The House succeeded in compelling the Senate to agree to the number of new warships authorized by the original House Naval Bill, but the limitation of the cost of armor to $300 a ton, in the bill as finally agreed to, makes it impossible to make any contract for constructing the battleships provided for, without further legislation, because the bill provides that no contracts shall be given for the construction of the ships until contracts for the armor have been made, and no contracts for armor can be made at that price. But Secretary Long says he can and will go right ahead with the cruisers provided for, as the armor they require does not come under the prohibitory clause of the bill.

Nothing but good words are heard of the appointment of ex Gov. Merriam, of Minn, to be Superintendant of the Census, although his nomination did not reach the Senate until a few minutes before final adjournment, it was promptly and unanimously confirmed. His business career leaves no doubt of his making a success of the Census.

The Military Court of Inquiry will go West this week.

EPWORTH LEAGUE.

Topic For the Week Beginning March 12, "Fellowship In Christian Service"—Text, Neh. iv, 6, 16-23.

"So built we the wall, for the people had a mind to work."

It was a critical time for the Jews returned from Babylon to Jerusalem. Rubbish was piled high in every street. Ruins lay on every side. The city had been destroyed. The Israelites were few. The work was great. Enemies swarmed. Every device that malice could invent was used to hinder them from rebuilding the walls of the city.

Nehemiah was equal to all emergencies. He planned, he exhorted, he threatened, he gave lavishly of money and labored hardest of all. He was tactful, resourceful, bold, undaunted by threats and undeceived by flattery. He succeeded.

The people backed him. All grades of the people worked—silversmiths, apothecaries, nobles and commoners, women and priests. No wonder the wall went up and the gates were put in place.

What a dedication then followed—hymns and prayers, shouts and trumpet blasts! The people who had held trowel in one hand and spear in the other in building lest their foes surprise them might now lay aside both and take up instruments of music.

So shall it be with the church. How many a feeble, discouraged company, divided by petty jealousies, threatened by enemies on every side, would be strong if they would join the brotherhood of Nehemiah. Many fail to build the walls of Zion because it will take time and money and hard work. They deserve to be poor and despised.

How much better to join forces and build! Put time and cash and hard work into your religion and it will be worth something. Clear away the rubbish! Rise and build!

The Governor of West Virginia.

It is a hopeful indication when Christian men occupy the positions of honor and trust in civic affairs. Among the honored laymen of the Methodist Episcopal church Governor G. W. Atkinson of West Virginia finds a place. He is a

GOVERNOR G. W. ATKINSON.

graduate of Ohio Wesleyan and of Columbia universities. He has been postmaster of his native city, Charleston, W. Va., revenue agent and United States marshal, has served a term in congress and edited a paper. He is interested in the Epworth League, and his voice is often heard in her gatherings.

Builders Together.

More geography has been learned in a year past by the average American from daily papers and magazines than the schools have taught by textbooks in a long time. More history has been reviewed and written than for years before. We are beginning to see that the passing of the Spaniard is only the closing scene in one of the most stupendous dramas the world has ever seen played. The contrasted civilization of the Spanish peninsula and the British Isles comes into clearer light. From the destruction of the Spanish armada to the destruction of Cervera's fleet is a long period, but the conflict of ideas was inevitable.

All Leaguers should reread the story of the English struggle for liberty, centuries long. The Puritans and pilgrims builded bravely. Both sides the sea have labored. The walls have risen slowly, with many reverses, but risen surely. Now, at length, we see the walls joined together. As never before, Briton and American are recognizing their common aim, their common rights. Moso and more all true men will recognize that they are laborers together for a common good. It may prove in the end that the results of the late war will be of greatest benefit to Spain. If it should serve to open her eyes to the folly of oppression and the necessity for freedom, the loss of her colonies will not be too high a price to have paid for the lesson.

More and Better Work.

The rapid advance made in late years in all departments of manufacture and trade has revolutionized the manner of living. We have not yet become adjusted to the new world in which we live. In the church matters have moved more slowly. Yet there has been a remarkable change in religious conditions during the last half century. In the nature of things, religious worship must ever take the direction of praise, prayer and teaching. But Christian life means much more than this. All forms of benevolence and charity are necessary parts of religious work. Never was the church in such good condition for labor as now. The coming years must bring greater zeal, better methods and wider usefulness. At home and abroad this is the pressing need. Who will help build the walls?

Makes Us Almost Believe.

Some professed Christians make such a beautiful show window of their deeds in keeping a few commandments as to make us almost believe it a display of the filling out of the whole law.—Lutheran.

Remarkable Rescue.

Mrs. Michael Curtain, Plainfield, Ill., makes the statement, that she caught cold, which settled on her lungs; she was treated for a month by her family physician, but grew worse. He told her she was a hopeless victim of consumption and that no medicine could cure her. Her druggist suggested Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption; she bought a bottle and to her delight found herself benefitted from first dose. She continued its use and after taking six bottles, found herself sound and well; now does her own housework, and is as well as she ever was.—Free trial bottles of this Great Discovery at Vaughan's Pharmacy. Only 50 cents and $1.00, every bottle guaranteed.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Topic For the Week Beginning March 12—Comment by Rev. S. H. Doyle.

TOPIC.—Fellowship in Christian service.—Neh. iv, 6, 16-23.

The rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem may be taken as an illustration of the life of the church in this world. We may see illustrated in it many of the essential elements of successful church work, not least of which is the necessity of fellowship in service, co-operation in work, division of labor. How splendidly the necessity and efficiency of hearty co-operation in Christian work is here illustrated. Every class had a work to do, and every one did it in harmony with every other one, and the result was that the wall, joined together, completed in every part, rose before them in spite of the immenseness of the task and the enemies without, who constantly threatened them. Some were builders, some were burden bearers, some were guards, and the princes stood behind and directed the work. Every man had his place, and every man stood in it and performed his duty, and success was the result. Such a splendid result could only have been achieved by the heartiest co-operation and fellowship. We may be taught here some lessons in Christian fellowship.

1. Fellowship in Christian service is Scriptural. This is one Scriptural illustration, and many others could be cited. Christ sent His apostles and disciples out "two by two" upon their preaching tours, thus giving His sanction and approval of fellowship in Christian work. After Christ had ascended the apostles usually followed the same plan. Christianity teaches fellowship in prayer, fellowship in burden bearing as well as fellowship in service.

2. Fellowship in Christian service gives strength and encouragement. The Jews were strong because they were united. They held their enemies at bay. They overcame almost insurmountable obstacles. They accomplished wonders, and all because unitedly they did the work. Two are stronger than one. When the heart of one fails, a word or act of encouragement from the other strengthens it, and thus from fellowship comes increased strength both against enemies without and discouragements within.

3. Fellowship in Christian service is efficient. It is so especially because it gives an opportunity for all to do that which they are best able to do. All have not been given the same gifts. Some in Nehemiah's time could build, some could carry burdens, some could direct, some could guard, and when all these qualities were combined successful work was accomplished. It is the same today. Some are strong, others weak; some can sing, others can pray; some can teach, others can carry burdens; separated, all would be weak and ineffective, but united in harmony and in Christian fellowship and wisely directed, all become a mighty power for good.

Let us see the wisdom and power of fellowship in service. The church is the body of Christ. The members are the organs of the body, the church. Each organ has a distinctive work to do, but each must work in union and in harmony with the others, if the work of the body is to be successfully done.

Bible Readings.—Eccl. iv, 9-12; Luke x, 1, 2; Acts ii, 42-47; xi, 29, 30; II Cor. viii, 1-5; Gal. ii, 9, 10; vi, 1-10; Phil. i, 3-6; iv, 3; II Tim. i, 16-18; I Thess. iii, 1-10; I John i, 3-7.

Good Courage.

Every Christian worker needs to have the secret of good courage. Courage is no more necessary to the soldier that fights his country's battles than to the soldier of Christ who wages war against the evil of the world. The need of it is constant and urgent. To lose it is to lose power to overcome. Without it Joshua would have been but poorly equipped for the great task thrust upon him after the death of Moses. No doubt he was dismayed when he saw what was expected of him. He was to lead Israel into the promised land. They had been rescued from slavery in Egypt, brought to the borders of Canaan and were ready to enter upon the inheritance promised to Abraham and his seed.—Independent.

The Joy of Heaven.

The joy of heaven is a never ending song, a communion of all pure and blessed souls, and the most humble in the adoring multitude may look with boldness toward the throne and say, "Abba, Father!" It is a perfect home. Oh, that ours were nearer to the pattern of it. We may make them so. Where virtue and charity and contentment are met together at an altar dedicated to God's worship there life is an earnest of the heavenly life, and home is lit with the sunlight of the Father's house.—Rev. D. J. Burrell, D. D.

All Things to All Men.

Paul tried to please all men in all things that he might by all means save some. Many demand that all things shall please themselves, no matter how many souls should be lost thereby.—Christian Instructor.

Over Life's Pathway.

The Christ light cast over life's pathway clears the vision and imparts joy, cheer, strength and hope.—Presbyterian.

The God of All Comfort.

I look to Thee in every need and never look in vain;
I feel Thy strong and tender love, and all is well again.
The thought of Thee is mightier far
Than sin and pain and sorrow are.

Discouraged in the work of life, disheartened by its load,
Shamed by its failures or its fears, I sink beside the road,
But let me only think of Thee,
And then new heart springs up in me.

Thy calmness bends serene above, my restlessness to still;
Around me flows thy quickening life, to nerve my faltering will.
Thy presence fills my solitude,
Thy providence turns all to good.
—Unknown.

Bismark's Iron Nerve

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Remember that every trial we hear, however hard and cruel it may seem, is sent to teach us some needful lesson if we will only have the sense and patience to learn.

A religious passage—the contribution box.

FRANKNESS.

A Virtue That We Should All Cultivate—Best Evidence of a Gentleman.

The Baltimore Sun editorially, says: "People who are frank seldom get into any misunderstanding with their fellows or difficulties of any kind. They check any tendency to misconception of their views or purposes by frankly avowing them, and are incapable of entering upon an intrigue. But there are relatively few people who are entirely frank, and hence in real life, as well as in novels and plays, there are many misunderstandings and many intrigues. Fiction, indeed, could scarce exist if its characters were frank and outspoken. There is scarcely a novel or play which is not dependent for the interest it excites upon some misunderstanding arising from a want of frankness on the part of some of the characters. Sometimes it is the villian who deliberately misleads the other characters and conceals his purposes; sometimes it is the hero or heroine who fails to speak the right word at the right time through pride or perversity, and thus gives to the story. Nor are these novels and plays mere works of imagination. They are founded upon the experiences of men and women who are valued only as they approach our conceptions of truth respecting characters and events. But the individual need not be deterred by this consideration from cultivating frankness. His neighbors can be relied upon to furnish the material for misunderstandings and intrigues, while he enjoys the peace of mind that comes of truth. It is not always easy, however, to determine the proper limitations of frankness. When it is assumed it often degenerates into brutal bluntness and gives rise not to misunderstanding, but to the opposite. Every one has met the man or woman who prefaces disagreeable remarks or interference in other people's affairs with the saying: 'I never hesitate to speak my mind' or 'I think it only right to frankly say,' &c. The frankness that is commendable comes from the truth that is in one's heart. It is not obtrusive, nor is it subject to repression by pride or any of the baser passions. When one is recommended to cultivate frankness he is not advised to merely assume it, but to plant the seed and nourish it. The seed is truth. We cannot have the fruit without the seed, but we may have the seed and so neglect it that it will never grow and bear fruit. To be frank we must not only have fruit in our hearts, but have the courage to give it expression, and the lack of courage is generally the chief impediment. A desire to avoid controversy or a dislike of what are called "scenes," or pride may have to be overcome if we would speak frankly and we may not have the moral courage to overcome these impediments to free speaking. To cultivate frankness, therefore, we must first of all have truth in our hearts and then develop the moral courage required to give it expression. But this is not all: we must at the same time, keep control of our tempers that frankness may not degenerate into scolding or into unnecessary bluntness. The man who is frank in the best sense of the word is the ideal gentleman—true, courageous, considerate. We should all cultivate frankness, never merely assume it.

"A Good Fight."

"What was the most desperate fight you can remember, colonel?" The question was addressed to Colonel "Rip" Ford, of the old-time Texas Rangers. The colonel—a very old man with a wealth of snow-white hair and beard—hesitated, for the question asked for quality, not quantity. After much study he told the story of a fight which occured in 1851; and Frederick Remington repeats it in his "Crooked Trails."

"My lieutenant, Ed. Burleson, was ordered to carry to San Antonia an Indian prisoner we had taken. On his return, while nearing the Nueces River, he espied two Indians. Taking seven men, he ordered the rest to continue along the road. The two indians proved to be fourteen, and they charged Burleson up to the teeth. Dismounting his men, he poured it into them from his Colt's six-shooting rifles. All but two of the Indians were killed or wounded, some of them dying so near the Rangers that they could put their hands on their boots.

"All but one of Burleson's men were wounded—himself shot in the head with an arrow. One man had four 'dogwood switches' (arrows) in his body, one of which was in his bowels. This man told me that every time he raised his gun to fire, the Indians would stick an arrow into him, but he said he didn't care a cent. One Indian was lying right up close, and while dying tried to shoot an arrow, but his strength failed so fast that the arrow barely left the bowstring.

"One of the Rangers in that fight was a curious fellow. When young he had been captured by Indians, and had lived with them so long that he had acquired Indian habits. In that fight he kept jumping around while loading, so as to be a bad target, the same as an Indian would under the circumstances, and he told Burleson he wished he had his boots off, so he conld get around good."

Here the colonel paused quizzically. "Would you call that a good fight?" he asked.

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"Age?"

"I didn't come here to answer impertinent questions, sir, I came to be insured."

"But we must know your age in order to fix the rate."

"What rate?"

"The amount you must pay annually for being insured."

"Thirty-three, then," she snapped.

"You must be accurate or it will invalidate the policy?"

"Forty; but I must say that I never heard such impudence."

"Weight?"

"I don't know. Neither does any one else. Just as though that would make any difference."

"Married or single?"

"Single, thank heaven! Not but what I've had plenty of chan——"

"Of course. Any insanity in your family?",

"Sir" and she tried her best to congeal him with a look.

"I guess that you don't want to be insured."

"And you guessed it right the first time. I don't propose to be a family encyclopedia for you or any other gossip monger," and she flounced out with a vigor that made the doctor think that she was a pretty good subject after all.

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NO SENATOR.

The Republicans of Delaware who have been watching the daily vote in the noon day joint sessions of the Assembly have concluded that the result will be similar to that of four years ago—no Senator. To be sure there are two more chances, to-day and Monday, but it will be the unexpected should a Senator be elected. All arguments have been used urging an election, that arepossible. The members understand the situation and must believe that a failure to elect means to continue two Republican State organizations and the defeat of the party in 1900. Such factional selfishness is very unu sual, but the cause dates back four years.

Personally Mr. Addicks has kept out of the fight this year. There have been no assertions of "Addicks or nobody" or telegrams to Senator Washburn that he would sink the party if not elected, made by Addicks himself, but the papers credit his chief lieutenant at Dover with a declaration in worse form, as follows:

"No man but Addicks, not even an angel of light with a tag tacked on him could secure the Union Republican vote."

If the Union Republican members belong to J. Edward Addicks and Caleb R. Layton and they (the members) by their acts approve such assertions as the above defeat is far more honorable to the Regulars than union with them. There is yet room for thoughtful repentance, however.

One who has studied the effect of a non-election upon the future elections shows that the Regulars of the present Legislature were elected by more than a thousand majority over the Union men. Here are the figures:

"I have compiled the list of pluralities by which the Republican members of the present Legislature were elected. They are as follows:

	R. Rep.	U. Rep.
Samuel M. Knox	1345	....
Webster Blakely	....	137
James M. Shakespeare	341	....
Robert W. McFarlin	93	....
James Hitchen	93	....
Robert M. Burns	578	....
James W. Robertson	794	....
Frank P. Ewing	....	18
George Frizzell	....	198
John W. Dennison	219	....
Harry W. Hushebeck	....	6
Theodore F. Clark	64	....
Francis R. Lattomas	18	....
J. Frank Allee	....	61
S. John Abbott	....	195
William A. Faries	....	34
John Satterfield	....	25
Jabez Jenkins	....	61
George C. Hering	....	6
William T. Tharp	....	55
David H. Frazier	....	209
Simeon S. Pennewill	....	498
Isaiah J. Brasure	....	343
Mark L. Davis	...	324
George S. Buell	....	235
William P. Short	....	181
George H. West	234	....
Joseph W. Hunter	....	123
David Hazzard	5	....
	3784	2709
	2709	
Majority	1075	

"It will be seen from these figures that the gentlemen now resolutely voting against Mr. Addicks represent Republican pluralities of 3,784, while those voting for him represent Republican pluralities of 2,709—a minority in pluralities of 1,075.

But the loss of a few votes, the indifference of a few voters in close districts means future defeat. Will the members heed these facts. For one ballot cast aside "leaders" and advisors and elect a Senator.

POLITICAL DEALS.

And now it is said the Democrats and Union Republicans are on a deal to turn the city of Wilmington over to the Democrats under a Commission of five men, three Democrats and two Republicans, as revenge for the failure to elect Addicks. Two of the Democrats are said to be John T. Dickey and State Senator Pyle, two of the most unscrupulous politicians the State ever knew. They may dare do it. But whatever comes let it be no Addicks.

In the vote for U. S. Senator this week the Regulars have given their votes as follows: On Monday 11 to Jonothan S. Willis, Tuesday 11 to Henry P. Cannon, Wednesday 11 to Chas. F. Richards on one ballot and the same to Gen. James H. Wilson on the next two, Thursday 8, all present, to Anthony Higgins, yesterday the vote went to Colonel duPont and Mr. Higgins.

The Democrats have voted 19 for John Biggs on Monday and 21 on Tuesday, 21 for Willard Saulsbury on Wednesday, 20 for George Gray on Thursday (Mr. Clark of Hartley refusing to vote for the ex-Senator) and yesterday on the three ballots the vote was scattering.

Mr. Addicks has received the full Union vote each day, 18. Three ballots have been taken daily this week.

As Representative King entered the residence of James C. Conaway on Thursday to qualify him as a member of the General Assembly, he having been unable to attend during the session, death stepped before Mr. King and claimed Mr. Conaway as a victim. The deceased was 63 years old. The House voted the amount of a member's salary to his widow, $300.

Hon. John Pilling, of Newark, who also has been ill during the session and unable to quatify, was sworn in at his home on Thursday by Representative Rose. Mr. Pilling expressed doubt as to his restoration to health.

On Wednesday M. L. Hayward was elected in Nebraska as United States Senator to succeed William W. Allen. He received seventy-four votes the solid Republican membership with the exception of one absent, on account of sickness. Allen received fifty-eight, the full fusion strength.

This leaves Delaware, Pennsylvania, California and Utah still in a deadlock. The legislatures of the first three are Republican; Utah is Democratic.

William H. Wanamaker has asked Congress for re-imbursement of $20,000, which he paid to the government as a forfeit for the absconding of Gideon W. Marsh, the president of the Keystone National Bank. As Marsh returned to Mr. Wanamaker of his own free will, who gave him up to the proper authorities, and is now in durance, it is but just that the amount of bail forfeited should be paid back. The $20,000 does not represent all the money expended. In addition to this Mr. Wanamaker is said to have spent $13,000 in trying to recapture the prisoner, which he expects to lose. The amount of bail should be returned by the government with the least possible delay.

The complaints against State Detective McVey are very ugly. Spite may be behind the charges but the detective does not show up well in the investigation.

The investigation into the charges of bribery in the Pennsylvania Legislature has developed damaging evidence. Some of ex-Senator Quay's followers are put in bad plight.

It seems almost incredible that one year and a day after Congress had voted a $50,000,000 emergency war fund some of our troops should still be armed with out-of-date, smoking blunderbuses; yet such is the fact. The Filipino insurgents before Manila, armed with Mauser rifles captured from Spaniards, are able to take pot shots at our volunteers on the picket line with complete impunity, the latter being utterly, unable to reply with their Springfields, which shoot only half as far. Even the smokeless ammunition prepared for these guns has not yet been distributed to the men in the Philippines. It is asserted in the Ordnance Bureau that 2000 stand of Krag-Jorgensen rifles have already been sent to General Otis, and that another 6000 are awaiting his orders in Government arsenals: but these weapons seem to be as rare at the front as was good beef in Cuba and Puerto Rico.—Philadelphia Record.

With the election of Monroe L. Hayward in Nebraska in place of Senator Allen, Marion Butler, of North Carolina, is the only remaining simon pure Populist in the United States Senate. There are, it is true, Turner of Washington, Harris of Kansas, Stewart of Nevada, and Heitfeld of Idaho, who are classed as Populists in political nomenclature, but Stewart, except on the Silver question, votes with the Republicans, while the three others, who were elected by Fusion Legislatures, are more Democrats than Populists, although the difference between the two parties in some of the Western States has well-nigh been extinguished. It is evident that the once promising Populist party is on its last legs, and it may as well be permitted to expire as quietly as possible. Such is, no doubt, the view of some of its leaders, although Populist Butler would hardly find standing room in the Democratic party of North Carolina.—From present indications it is not probable that there will be a Populist Presidential candidate in the field in 1900.—Philadelphia Record.

MY MARYLAND.

Miss Sophia Wallis of Edesville, Kent County, Md., aged 18, was found dead in her boarding house Monday, in Baltimore, her death being caused by asphyxiation. It being supposed she blew the gas out on retiring.

Dr. Samuel Forman, State Institute Inspector, has named April 10th, 11th and 12th as the days on which the Kent County Teachers' Institute will be held in Chestertown. This will be the first affair of the kind held in Kent county and Examiner Smyth and his assistants will do all in their power to make it a grand success.

It is said that of the 5,000,000 cases of tomatoes annually packed in the United States, 1,800,000 are packed by canneries on the Eastern shore of Maryland. It is said that 30,000 acres have been contracted for the coming season by canners on the Shore, and about 16,000 acres is the most that was ever before contracted in one season.

Mr. Edward H. Roe, former Register of Wills of Talbot county, has formed a syndicate which has purchased large tract of land at the junction of the P., W. and B and Queen Anne's railroads at the crossing of the Tuckahoe river, and proposes to lay out a town at that place. At this point three counties—Talbot, Caroline and Queen Anne's—join each other, and the Tuckahoe river is navigable for steamers and light draft sailing vessels, it being the head of tide water. Two large canneries have already been erected and other manufacturing plants are contemplated. The village, which is named Queen Anne, has already a considerable population, and the town of Hillsboro is only half a mile away. The situation is considered one of the best on the Eastern Shore.

The First Maryland Regiment, United States Volunteers, arrived at their homes last week, some on Wednesday and some on Thursday, and were given royal receptions by their relatives and friends. The regiment was mustered out at Atlanta, Georgia, but most of the members came home in companies. Four of the companies were recruited in Baltimore, and the others were from Cumberland, Frederick, Rockville, Annapolis, Belair, Elkton and Easton. The regiment was in the service about nine months, but was not taken out of the States. The members of Company E., of Elkton, have subscribed a fund and placed it in the hands of Lieutenant George T. King, to place a suitable stone over the grave of Private George S. Moore, who died in the service and is buried at Havre de Grace.

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KENT COUNTY.

E. B. Staats has sold his farm of 77¾ acres, near Clayton, to R. Nickerson, Jr., for $2690.

D. C. Montgomery, Jr., who has conducted a general mercantile business in Dover for the past twelve years, has left. He expects to open a store at Avondale about April first.

For the first time in the history of Kent County women voted on Wednesday at Wyoming, where the issue was "pavements or no pavements," and the latter won, with the woman's aid, by a vote of 51 to 20

The Hosiery Mill and machinery, situated in Dover, was sold at public sale last week for $5,000. The building originally cost $22,000. George M. Fisher, of Wyoming, was the bidder for the corporation, who intend starting the factory up again in a short time.

Seeing his sons engaged in target practice with bows and arrows, in imitation of the Filipinos, Lewis Davis, a farmer, near Cowgills, thought he would join them with his gun. Just as he shot his 17-year-old son turned the corner where the target stood and the discharge blew off his nose. Dr. W. F. Davis applied adhesive bands and the plastic treatment, in the hope of making a new nose of the flesh and cuticle from the sufferers' cheeks.

John R. Price, a well known farmer of near Marydel, died Sunday, March 5, aged 57 years. Mr. Price was taken sick during the blizzard with the grip. He had received injuries a short time ago by a fall and when he went out to feed his stock on Monday of the blizzard fell in a snow drift. He experienced much difficulty in getting to the house and it was three days before a physician could be secured. He suffered severely from the grip and it finally settled in the region of the heart and caused his death. The funeral was held at Thomas Chapel and was conducted by Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D.

SUSSEX COUNTY

A hundred thousand frozen peach trees are to be uprooted in Sussex County.

Hughes Brothers & Bangs, contractors, have resumed work on the new Breakwater, at the mouth of Delaware Bay. They expect to complete the substructure of the work in about six months.

Mrs. Margaret E. Warrington announces the wedding of her daughter Amanda, to Thomas Gooden Pepper, of Georgetown, Tuesday, March 21, at 2.45 o'clock, at Beaver Dam M. P. Church, Harbeson, Del.

Seaford has 12 persons now living whose ages amount to 1019 years. They being 94, 90, 88, 88, 85, 85, 83, 82, 82, 81, 81 and 80 respectively. The oldest is Joseph Neal who is 94 and is as hale and hearty as one at 60. William Robinson is the next oldest being 90. Two weeks ago one of our inhabitants died at the age of 94 and this week another at the age of 81. Our people live to a ripe old age.—Seaford News.

Blizzard And Crops.

The Chicago Tribune prints dispatches from states in which the crops have been injured by the severe weather of February. The statistics show, among others, the following conditions:

Delaware—Peach crop almost a total loss; pear crop short, plums, raspberries and blackberries killed.

Georgia—Peaches, prunes and pears all killed; early vegetables ruined.

Florida—Citron fruit and trees damaged 15 per cent.; general fruit crop 30 per cent. better than last year; 90 per cent of vegetable crop destroyed.

Virginia—Full yield in apples; early vegetables and berries damaged.

Louisiana—Loss to orange crop, $800,000 to $1,000,000; truck farmers' loss. $500,000; sugar cane damaged.

West Virginia—Wheat drop all right; potatoes, 60 per cent. crop; apples, 10 per cent. crop; live stock suffered severely.

Alabama—Market gardens complete loss; wheat prospects fine.

South Caroline —Wheat, oats, and fruit trees, safe; damage to vegetables and fruit blossoms in State, $100,000.

Kentucky—Peach crop killed; wheat, 85 per cent, crop; apples all right,

North Carolina—Growing vegetables safe; peach buds injured; snow saves wheat crop.

Beef Cattle Scarce.

Reports from the great western cattle ranges indicate that there has been great loss to the stock men by reason of the recent blizzard. In some instances the statement is made that fully 50 per cent. of the cattle on the ranges have perished either from the cold or starvation.

If this has been anywhere near as great as is alleged there will be almost a meat famine in the country and the prices of beef cattle will go soaring. It will be well for the farmers of this state to bear these reports in mind and pay special attention to their stock this spring, for it is altogether probable that there have been great losses in the west even if they are not as great as have been reported, and that later in the season there will be a demand at good prices for all the beef stock available.

Hicks for March.

Storms of the last few days of February, says Mr. Hicks, will expand themselves by March 1, leaving much colder weather and deposits of snow and sleet to the north and swollen streams and muddy roads to southward. The first storm period will be from 3d to 6th, with rain south and snow north. Colder weather will follow. On the 11th, he says, there will be storms and other disturbances, and he would single out this day of all others, if he were required to name a date. There will be a warm wave, violent storms, seismic shocks and gales from 9th, to 13th, central on 11th. The next storm period is from the 15th to 18th, with storms on 16th, 17th and 18th, followed by colder weather. Fair until the 21st, with storms again on 22d and 23d. Within 48 hours of noon on the 27th, there will be drifting snows and blizzardous gales and winds.

San Francisco And Return.

One fare for the round trip, National Baptists' Anniversaries, May 26—30, 1899, tickets on sale May 14, 15, 16, and 17, good to return until July 15th. For full particulars call on or address John R. Pott, District Passenger Agent, Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul R'y, 486 William St., Williamsport, Pa., or 300 Chestnut St., Philadelphia, Pa.

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CURRENT EVENTS.

Welcome A. Botkin, husband of Cordelia A. Botkin, convicted of the murder of Mrs. John P. Dunning, of Dover, Del., through the agency of poisoned candy, sent through the mails, has applied for a divorce on the ground that his wife had been convicted of a felony.

In reference to the recent illness of Pope Leo the physicians issued the following bulletin on Tuesday: "The condition of the Pope continues very satisfactory. His functions are normal. As the august patient must be considered cured, as regards the operation, no further bulletins will be published."

The nation rejoices in the recovery of Rudyard Kipling from the attack of pneumonia which threatened his life, and sympathizes with him in the loss of his six year old daughter Josephine, who succumbed Monday to the same disease. He does not know that his daughter Josephine is dead. He does not know that his daughter Elsie is ill.

"The latter is better. There is no alarm about her. Mrs. Kipling has born bravely her tribulations. She is resigned, courageous."

SOAP TRUST FORMING.

And now it's a trust in cleanliness. In other words, the manufactures of soaps are combing. "Competition," cry the soap makers, "fierce competiton, drives us to it." The proposed capital is $20,000,000.

The movement was started in Chicago. Eventually it reached here, where there are some fifty odd soap manufacturers, about ten of which do an enormous business. In toto the local capital represented foots up to nearly $2,000,000.

It is estimated that the soap business throughout the country represents a capital fully $25,000,000.

Albert D. Elliott, clerk of the District Court of Alaska, hold the best paid office under the United States Government, with the exception of that of the President, and it all happened through a blunder. In salary an fees he receives $25,000 a year. Under the new Alaska bill proposed by Mr. Carter and passed by the Senate the clerk's salary and fees together were limited to $7,200 a year. In conference this section, among others, was unwittingly changed, with the result that the clerk receives $5 for every license issued. As the new law requires a license for the transaction of any kind of business in the Territory, his fees alone will easily reach over $20,000.

TWO THOUSAND VOLTS PASSED THROUGH HIM.

New York, March 7.— Joseph Hampel, an employe of the Lexington avenue cable power house, while working at his switchboard in New York city this week received and survived an electric shock of about 2,000 volts. The man's body was burned black from head to foot; every stitch of clothing was torn from him, and he fell senseless through a hole instantaneously burned in the floor by the terrific electrical power. Hampel is expected to live. The doctors who attended him say there is no case on record of a man withstanding a similar shock.

The accident was caused through Hampel trying to tighten a loose screw on the switchboard and in some way creating a circuit. The enormous power of the shock may be judged from the fact that until the circuits were read justed all the cars on the road were brought to a standstill.

Orders have been issued at the War Department for the Twelfth New York Volunteer Infantry now at Matanzas, Cuba, to take passage on the transport Berlin for New York city, where it will be mustered out. This is the beginning of a general movement for the muster out of all the volunteer troops stationed in Cuba. There are now about 20,000 volunteer in Cuba, and their withdrawal will leave about 15,000 regular troops there.

A land slide on the Pennsylvania railroad near Altoona Sunday morning wrecked three trains, killing two of the crew, injuring two others and destroying three engines and twenty cars. Thirty passengers on the newspaper "flyer" escaped unhurt. Two freight trains were passing the cut at the same time as the "flyer." The west bound freight first piled into the landslide, and the "flyer" crashed into the wreckage. Almost simultaneouly the east bound freight piled into the landslide at the other side.

ARMY CLOTHES IN SWEAT SHOPS.

Daniel O'Leary, Chief Factory Inspector for the State of New York, was before the Industrial Commission recently, testifying regarding sweat shops. "I went into this work," said Mr. O'Leary, "full of sympathy for the people, but it has all passed away. Their condition is due entirely to their own habits and characters. They are filthy and dishonest, and have no ambition to improve the situation."

One of the great difficulties was to free clothing taken from these establishments from vermin. His men had found army clothing being made in sweat shops, and in those cases the prices were: For soldier's cape overcoats, 93 cents; for vests, from 11 to 14 cents; for infantry trousers, from 22 to 26 cents, and for cavalry trousers, from 26 to 35 cents.

Even at these prices the people seemed to feel that they enjoyed many comforts in comparison with their European homes. He favored immigration to persons who were self-supporting in their own country.

Hopples Can Still be Used.

Much to the surprise of many turfmen the Rule Committee of the National Trotting Association, which met in New York Thursday, reported in favor of an amendment to the rule prohibiting hop plers which virtually repeals that section of the turf code. Three of the five committeemen, recommended to the congress that to the rule which said: "Horses wearing hopples shall not be eligible to start in races on the grounds of members after January 1, 1899," the following words be added. "Unless otherwise stated in the published conditions." Ed. Tipton and W. J. Andrews brought in a minority report recommending that the old rule be permitted to stand without amendment. When it came to a vote on the adoption of the majority report the proxy-holders ranged themselves, seventy strong, on the side of the hoppled pacer, only eleven votes having been cast against adoption of the amendment to the rule. A much closer vote resulted, however when some one moved to substitute the minority report for that of the majority. The effect of the amended rule will be to permit any member of the N. T. A. to open its races to hoppled pacers by so stating in its published condition: Unless such special conditions are made, however, the hopples will be barred. The congress loosened up that part of Rule 27 which provides for the punishment of fraud in pulling horses. Ever since the N. T. A. was organized the rules have provided that the parties implicated in a steal of this kind should be expelled. The provision was so modified to say that hereafter the judges of a race may satisfy the turf law by suspending the guilty parties for one year. A long discussion took place when a proposition was made to restore to the judges of a race their old-time authority to declare off the deciding heat when fraud is involved. A majority of the proxy holders viewed the matter from the horse-owner's standpoint, seemingly ignoring the race-geer's interest, and the importance of making the best horse win, and the so called Oakland Baron Rule was allowed to stand. The recommendation of the Committee on Rules, to the effect that the provisions of Sections I and 2, of Rule 43, with reference to timers and "bar" time be not enforced was unanimously agreed upon. Section 3 of the last mentioned rule, which read "time made on non-association tracks shall be records or bars, as the case may be, the same as if made over association tracks," was abolished, and the following substitute agreed upon. "Any public race at less than one mile or exceeding half a mile shall be regarded as irregular, and time made in any such race shall create a "bar." Many horsemen in this State are in favor of barring the hopples:—Smyrna Call.

A Good Decision.

"I was troubled with a dry hacking cough and was very weak. As I read of the cures made by Hood's Sarsaparilla I decided to give it a trial. When I had taken one bottle I began to feel stronger and my cough was better. I took three bottles and was cured." George W. Bennum, Coolspring, Delaware.

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WANAMAKER'S.

Philadelphia, Monday, March 6, 1899.

Women's Spring Suits Among the pretty new tailored suits are these of cheviot serge—navy blue, black and brown—with fly-front coat and skirt that hangs perfectly.

The price is $15.

And the suits are full lined with silk—rustling taffeta.

A word of three other new comers.

At $18—Suits of cheviot serge, navy blue and black; tight-fitting coat, lapped seams, silk lined. Graceful circular skirt, percaline lined.

At $27.50—Suits of broadcloth in blue, black and tan; tight-fitting coat; new circular skirt. Suits full silk lined.

At $30—Suits of fine herringbone cheviot in navy blue and black; fly-front coat daintily edged with silk braid; satin trimmed rever. Perfectly shaped skirt. Suits are full silk lined.

Shirt Waists for Spring Two hundred and eleven bright new styles of women's shirt waists are ready. Just the first few of each sort are on show. Fresh as woods violets in May. The fabrics are—

In white—lawn, pique, linen.

In color—chintz, percale, gingham, madras, chambray and pique.

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From all other Sources	12,687,880 92
	$55,006,629 43
DISBURSEMENTS	
To Policy-holders for Claims by Death	$13,265,908 00
To Policy-holders for Endowments, Dividends, etc.	11,485,751 37
For all other accounts	10,493,379 51
	$35,245,038 88
ASSETS	
United States Bonds and other Securities	$160,956,141 34
First Lien Loans on Bond and Mortgage	68,508,580 90
Loans on Bonds and other Securities	9,396,619 00
Real Estate appraised by Insurance Superintendents at $23,584,826.88: Book Value	20,604,949 61
Cash in Banks and Trust Companies	11,621,317 36
Accrued Interest, Net Deferred Premiums, etc.	6,434,957 16
	$277,517,325 56
LIABILITIES	
Policy Reserves, etc.	$223,058,640 68
Contingent Guarantee Fund	42,238,684 68
Divisible Surplus	2,220,000 00
	$277,517,325 36
Insurance and Annuities in force	$971,711,997 79

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